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Dear Bernie:

To yours of the 8th.

I spent some time looking for some long and complex letter I might have sent you, then realized you might be referring to your own second letter of same date. What confused me, I read your inquiry about Nossal first. Esther and I are just back from London for the SGM and can answer our mail. Pointwise:

1. Re Nossal. I am sure he would be a valuable asset. But he is solidly determined to go back to Australia after finishing his "contract" here in 1961. We'd keep him ourselves if we could. He has had some other offers and would like to be kept in mind for some years hence if he finds too much inertia in Australia. But he has told me flatly he doesn't want to consider any other possibilities at the instant.

2. Ivanovics. I've met him at Royaumont and since, and will be happy to see him when he visits. I found his lecturing a bit obscure; perhaps his English will have improved.

3. Streptomycin. Miss St. Clair and I did nothing beyond the fragments reported in our paper: pc-L colonies of S^r mutants were still sensitive to streptomycin; so were DAP-L colonies. These odd bits were mainly in her hands and it would take some digging on my part to dissect out and interpret her notes. Are there some particular points you would want me to clarify? We thought that streptomycin-dependence might be related to osmotic fragility but could not verify this.

Yours as ever,

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